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HOUSE BILL NO. 2773

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a higher education tuition pilot program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.1552, to read as follows:

173.1552. 1. The Missouri department of higher education shall consider the creation of a proposed pilot program called "Pay Forward, Pay Back". The pilot program would:

(1) Replace the current system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at public institutions of higher education in the state; and

(2) Identify one or more public institutions of higher education to participate in the pilot program.

2. If the department determines that a pilot program is warranted, the department shall submit a proposed pilot program to the 2018 regular session of the general assembly for approval.

3. A proposed pilot program shall:

(1) Allow students who are residents of this state, as defined by the institution, and who qualify for admission to the institution to enroll in the institution without paying tuition or fees;

(2) Provide that, in lieu of paying tuition or fees, students shall sign binding contracts to pay to the state of Missouri or the institution a certain percentage of the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 student's annual adjusted gross income upon graduation from the institution for a
18 specified number of years;

19 (3) Specify the number of years and the percentage of annual adjusted gross income
20 for contracts at each participating institution and base the specifications on research to
21 date; and

22 (4) Establish an immediate funding source for the first fifteen to twenty years of the
23 pilot program and include the establishment of a revolving fund to deposit payments made
24 under the pilot program.

25 4. A proposed pilot program may vary by institution depending on:

26 (1) The total cost of education at the institution;

27 (2) The portion of the cost that is paid by the state of Missouri;

28 (3) The number of years specified in the contract; and

29 (4) The percentage of annual adjusted gross income specified in the contract.

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